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1. In response to the office action mailed September 24, 2003, Applicants elect group I with traverse.

Applicants respectfully traverse the restrictions I/III and I/IV on the ground that the claims of group I are allowable and hence dependent method claims in groups III and IV are properly rejoined in accordance with MPEP 821.04

Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction I/II on the ground that it would not be unduly burdensome to search both groups. Even though the PTO separately classifies proteins and nucleic acids, there is a well-established functional relationship, i.e., the nucleic acid construct of II encodes the protein of group I. A proper search of elected group I would include nucleic acid art, as a reference could recite the encoding nucleic acid without explicitly reciting the corresponding amino acid sequence --especially if the DNA was cloned but not expressed.

Respectfully submitted,

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